dismissed by the Hon'ble Single Judge and the moderation procedure was upheld by the Court. The petitioner went in appeal to the Division Bench of the same High Court and the same was also dismissed. Another candidate, along with seven others, has challenged the principles of moderation in connection with the same examination in the Hon'ble High Court at New Delhi and the same is pending before the Court. No candidate has challenged the results of the Civil Services (Main) Examination held in 1985. Two writ petitions were, however, filed in the Honble Delhi High Court, Delhi challenging the right of the Commission to hold re-examination for certain candidates in General Studies Paper-II consequent on the loss of some scripts in postal transit. Both the writ petitions were dismissed by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court. Government do not think it necessary or proper that marks assigned before moderation are communicated to the candidates. The system of moderation followed by UPSC has stood the test of time and has also been upheld by the High Court of Gujarat. There is, therefore, no reason to doubt either its technical soundness or the impartiality of the Union Public Service Commission.

**Iraqi warning to foreigners to leave Iran**

1359. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Iraq has warned all foreigners in Iran to leave Iran immediately to escape unprecedented air strikes likely to take place deep inside Iran;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of the Commander of Iraqui Air Force in this regard;

(c) what is the number of Indian nationals in Iran at present; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to ensure safety of their life and property?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The Commander of the Iraqui Air Force is reported to have said in an interview published on April 22 that the Iraqi forces will direct destructive attacks against vital economic and military targets of Iran. He then warned all foreigners working in Iranian establishments to leave the country.

(c) There are an estimated 5000 Indian nationals in Iran.

(d) The war between Iraq and Iran has been going on for the last six years. In the past, there have been similar warnings of intensified action by one side against the other. Our Embassy in Iran is in continuous contact with the Indian community.

**Soviet withdrawal of moratorium on nuclear tests**

1360. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in view of continued nuclear tests by US, the Soviet Government has withdrawn the unilateral moratorium imposed by it on nuclear tests; and

(b) if so, what is the reatcion of the Government of India in the context of renewed nuclear race among the big powrs and Government's efforts towards disarmament, stating the role contemplated by Government to reduce world tension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India are concerned at the escalating nuclear arms race and are pursuing their efforts to